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To: [Gordon Robert \(Joe\)](#); [Johnson, Jayme M.](#)
Cc: [Sauter, David E.](#); [Holland, Diane](#)
Subject: RE: <External>RE: NTSB Request
Date: Wednesday, August 2, 2023 1:31:06 PM
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Joe,

Confirm the wheelset replacement program commenced on July 31, 2023.

Regarding the third bullet item, per the approved Return to Service plan, the current measurement interval is 30-days. Movement to a 60-day interval, aligned with the current 7000-series periodic inspection interval, is dependent on cars exiting the wheelset replacement program and associated testing.

Hope this helps,

Shushil

From: Gordon Robert (Joe) <robert.gordon@ntsb.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2023 1:28 PM
To: Johns [REDACTED]
Cc: Ramnaress, Shushil; [REDACTED];
Holland, Diane
Subject: <External>RE: NTSB Request

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This looks great-

A couple things so that this can stand on its own.

Do we know what the "relatively short interval" is? Referenced in third bullet.

Safe to say "Wheelset replacements began on July 31, 2023"?

From: Johnson, Jayme M. [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2023 1:28 PM
To: Gordon Robert (Joe) <robert.gordon@ntsb.gov>
Cc: Ramnaress, Shushil <shushil.ramnaress@ntsb.gov>

Holland, Diane

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Thanks, Diane!

Joe,

Might this work?

- WMATA developed a comprehensive Wheelset Replacement Program to manage the replacement of the wheels in accordance with the revised interference fit recommended in the WMATA Derailment Investigation report. The program includes new Maintenance Service Instruction and a comprehensive training program to ensure that all technicians are familiar with the enhanced procedures.
- To ensure quality, independent inspectors will oversee the wheelset assembly process and sign off on all interference fit measurements and press records. Upon approval of all inspection documents, WMATA Safety and Readiness will certify all each wheelset for passenger service.
- The agency is targeting to complete this program within a maximum of 36 months. While this takes place, the back-to-back measurements over a relatively short interval will continue (as stipulated by the Return to Service Plan approved by WMSC).

Jayme

From: Holland, Diane <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, Aug [REDACTED]
To: Johnson, Jayme M. [REDACTED]
Cc: Ramnaress, Shushil [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: NTSB Request

Good afternoon Jayme,

I recall that the item requested below was item #6 of the list of NTSB questions that were combined and submitted mid-July. I have listed below the response that was sent for your convenience.

Was this information submitted? Is NTSB requesting additional details be added to the information below? please advise and we will comply.

6. **Please could we provide a summary of wheelset program and the associated interference fit? Can be a few bullets, and I will provide the no technical objection email.**

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Please advise.

Diane

From: Johnson, Jayme
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019
To: Ramnaress, Shushil
Cc: Holland, Diane <diane.holland@wmata.com>
Subject: RE: NTSB Request

You are very kind. I would try and draft something for you to have a look at but am committed for next few hours.

From: Ramnaress, Shushil
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019
To: Johnson, Jayme
Cc: Holland, Diane <diane.holland@wmata.com>
Subject: Re: NTSB Request

You'll have it by end of day. I'm out of office and will have access to my computer this afternoon.

Thanks,

Shushil

From: Johnson, Jayme
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019
To: Ramnaress, Shushil
Cc: Holland, Diane <diane.holland@wmata.com>
Subject: RE: NTSB Request

Thanks, Shushil. Joe was hoping to get this inserted into his report today. I know that is a steep ask, but can we help him? I really think 3-4 bullets will be sufficient, summarizing the program in its simplest form...

Jayme

From: Ramnaress, Shushil
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2019
To: Johnson, Jayme M
Cc: Holland, Diane <diane.holland@metro.wa.gov>
Subject: Re: NTSB Request

Received. I will draft a brief summary of the program and provide by end of week.

Thanks,

Shushil

From: Johnson, Jayme
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2019
To: Ramnaress, Shushil
Cc: Holland, Diane <diane.holland@metro.wa.gov>
Subject: NTSB Request

Shushil,

Please could you advise and share with me the final Wheelset Replacement Program documentation that best explains the program approach/plan? Joe Gordon has asked for it.

Jayme

Jayme Johnson

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